#### LAW

### MACHINERY ACT OF N.C. N.C. GENERAL STATUTE §105-277.1

THE EXCLUSION AMOUNT IS THE GREATER OF \$25,000 OR 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE HOME AND UP TO ONE ACRE OF LAND.

AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXCLUSION SHOULD BE FILED DURING THE REGULAR LISTING PERIOD (JANUARY 1-31); HOWEVER, IT MAY BE FILED AND ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME UP TO JUNE 1. REQUEST TO FILE UNTIMELY APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW THROUGH THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. UNTIMELY APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY UPON SHOWING GOOD CAUSE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE THE APPLICATION.

WHEN PROPERTY IS OWNED BY TWO OR MORE PERSONS AND ONE OR MORE OF THEM QUALIFIES FOR THIS EXCLUSION, EACH OWNER MUST APPLY SEPARATELY FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE EXCLUSION. HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE ON THE SAME APPLICATION.

PROOF OF DISABILITY MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A CERTIFICATE FROM A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NORTH CAROLINA OR FROM A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE DISABILITY.

A DISABILITY LETTER FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION **CANNOT** BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF DISABILITY, UNLESS THE LETTER MEETS THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER INFORMATION IS MANDATORY AND WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT, 42 U.S.C. SECTION 405(c)(2)(C)(I).

#### **CABARRUS**



#### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

CABARRUS COUNTY LAND RECORDS
ATTENTION: ELDERLY/DISABLED
PO BOX 707
CONCORD, NC 28026-0707

#### **PHYSICAL ADDRESS:**

CABARRUS COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
LAND RECORDS, FIRST FLOOR
65 CHURCH STREET, SE
CONCORD, NC 28025

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

(704) 920-2127 (704) 920-2123

#### **INTERNET ADDRESS:**

www.cabarruscounty.us

2016

# HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION





PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR
ELDERLY
OR
PERMANENTLY DISABLED
PERSONS

**WHO QUALIFIES** 

1. A NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT;

AND

2. AT LEAST 65 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR;

OR

3. 100% TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR;

AND

4. OWN AND OCCUPY A PERMANENT RESIDENCE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR:

AND

5. **2016 APPLICANTS:** 2015 INCOME LIMITATION IS \$29,500

#### **INCOME EXAMPLES:**

WAGES – SOCIAL SECURITY – DISABILITY – SSI –
VA BENEFITS –PENSIONS – ANNUITIES –
INTEREST – DIVIDENDS – IRA DISTRIBUTIONS –
401K & 457 DISTRIBUTIONS –WORKER'S
COMPENSATION – ALIMONY – A.F.D.C. –FOSTER
CARE PAYMENTS – UNEMPLOYMENT –RENTAL
– BUSINESS – FARM & GAMBLING INCOME –
RAILROAD RETIREMENT – CAPITAL GAIN . . . . .
ETC.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. YOU MUST LIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA.
- 2. YOU MUST BE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR BE 100% TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT TAX YEAR.
- 3. A PERSON IS CONSIDERED 100%
  TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED
  IF THE PERSON HAS A PHYSICAL OR
  MENTAL IMPAIRMENT THAT
  SUBSTANTIALLY PRECLUDES THEM
  FROM OBTAINING GAINFUL
  EMPLOYMENT AND THE DISABILITY IS
  REASONABLY CERTAIN TO CONTINUE
  WITHOUT IMPROVEMENT
  THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE.
- 4. A PERSON'S LEGAL RESIDENT. IT INCLUDES THE DWELLING, THE DWELLING SITE (NOT TO EXCEED ONE ACRE OF LAND) AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. A RESIDENCE IS A HOUSE, CONDO, OR MANUFACTURED HOME.
- 5. INCOME CONSISTS OF ALL MONEY RECEIVED FROM EVERY SOURCE EXCEPT GIFTS OR INHERITANCES FROM A SPOUSE, LINEAL ANCESTOR, OR LINEAL DESCENDANT. FOR MARRIED APPLICANTS RESIDING WITH THEIR SPOUSES, THE INCOME OF BOTH SPOUSES MUST BE INCLUDED, WHETHER OR NOT THE PROPERTY IS IN BOTH NAMES.

#### **TEMPORARY ABSENCE**

A QUALIFIED OWNER DOES NOT LOSE THE
BENEFIT OF THIS EXCLUSION BECAUSE OF A
TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM THEIR
PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR REASONS OF
HEALTH OR BECAUSE OF AN EXTENDED
ABSENCE WHILE CONFINED TO A REST HOME
OR NURSING FACILITY, SO LONG AS THE
RESIDENCE IS UNOCCUPIED OR OCCUPIED BY
THE OWNER'S SPOUSE OR OTHER DEPENDENT.



## REMOVAL OF EXCLUSION BECAUSE OF SALE OR DEATH

IF THE SALE OF YOUR RESIDENCE OR DEATH OCCURS BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND JULY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR, THE EXCLUSION WILL BE REMOVED FOR CURRENT TAX YEAR.

IF THE SALE OF YOUR RESIDENCE OR DEATH OCCURS AFTER JULY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR, THE EXCLUSION WILL REMAIN ON FOR CURRENT TAX YEAR.

**PROOF OF INCOME IS REQUIRED!!**